

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1184

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 2, 1971

Application of Washington,	)	Application No. 731
Virginia and Maryland Coach	)	
Company, Inc., for Authority	)	Docket No. 238
to Discontinue Regular Route	)	
Bus Service on Routes 1, 2,	)	
3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 on Weekdays	)	
After 8:00 P. M. and All Serv-	)	
ice All Day Saturday and All	)	
Day Sunday.	)	

On November 4, 1971, Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc. (W. V. & M.) filed proposed schedule changes which were marked as Application No. 731. The schedule changes would result in the elimination of all W. V. & M. service all day Saturday, all day Sunday, and weeknights after 8:00 P. M., effective December 12, 1971.


Order No. 1180, issued November 19, 1971, suspended the effective date of these proposed changes and set public hearings to determine whether such service cuts are warranted. Hearings for the presentation of formal evidence are to commence on December 20, 1971, and an informal hearing for the receipt of evidence and comments from members of the public was scheduled for the evening of December 22, 1971.

On December 1, 1971, Donald J. Shaw, Jr., appearing pro se as a protestant moved for continuance and postponement of the hearing dates. We will deny this motion. Mr. Shaw points out that a holiday season hearing may conflict with personal vacations of interested persons and that, in fact, he may be unable to appear at the December 20, 1971, hearing. While we make every effort to have our proceedings as convenient for members of the public as possible, we do not believe that Monday, December 20, 1971, is in any way an inappropriate date on which to hold hearings concerning

matters of such importance and urgency. Concerning Mr. Shaw's personal problem, we have examined our calendar and it would be extremely difficult to reset these hearings at an appropriate date. Another factor which bears on this decision is W. V. & M.'s testimony of need for expedited financial relief.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Motion for Continuance and Postponement of Hearing Dates of Donald J. Shaw, Jr., filed December 1, 1971, be, and it is hereby, denied.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.  
Executive Director